

**Welcome to the Worship Gathering  
at FBC Cordele**

Worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of moral beings — angelic and human— to God the Creator, Redeemer, and Consummator, for who he is as one eternal God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation, to whom be all praise and glory, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

And so, as we gather each Lord's Day, between the now and not yet of God's kingdom, let us worship God for who he is, as one eternal God in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation. Let us worship God on earth as he is worshipped in heaven.<sup>1</sup>

In our worship service we aim to be Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and glorify God in all things. The Scriptures guide all that we do as we sing the Word (Eph 5:19; Heb 13:15) in congregational singing, read the Word (1 Tim 4:13; Col 4:15-16), pray the Word (Col 4:2-4; 1 Tim 2:1), preach the Word (Acts 4:24; 1 Tim 4:13), and see the Word (Matt 28:19; 1 Cor 11:24-25) through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We pray that through all of this that you will be edified (1 Cor 14:26) as we focus wholly on our Triune God and His inspired Word.

We believe that every part of the service should be participatory. By this we mean, we encourage you to sing every song, open your Bibles, read along, and take notes during the sermon, engage in responsive reading, and pray with us. We hope that through this you will grow in the Word and will behold the glory of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria  
To God Alone be the Glory

<sup>1</sup>Jonathan Gibson, "Worship On Earth as It Is in Heaven," in Reformation Worship: Liturgies from the Past for the Present, ed. Jonathan Gibson and Mark Earngey (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2018), 2, 21.

**Worship Liturgy**

- Call to Worship
- Confession of Sin
- Assurance of Pardon
- Christ Our Treasure*
- Pastoral Prayer
- As For Me And My House*
- O Father You Are Sovereign (Hymn 92)*
- Sermon: Acts 7:1-53
- All Creatures Of Our God And King (Hymn 70)*
- Doxology (Hymn 384)*



**Call to Worship**

Recieve the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 33:2:

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you.  
Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sin to God:

Lord Jesus, you carry the lost sheep back into the fold in your arms, and hear the confession of the publican. Graciously remit all my guilt and sin. Lord, you hear the penitent thief, you have mercy on your saints, and pardon the sinner. Hear the prayers of your servants according to your mercy. Amen.  
- Wilhelm Loehe

**Assurance of Pardon**

Receive these words of comfort from Romans 4:3-5:

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.



**Christ Our Treasure**

Sovereign Grace

**Verse 1**

Lord our feet have wandered  
All the earth unsatisfied  
Drinking from a sea of emptiness  
has left us dry

So we turn our eyes to

**Chorus**

Christ our treasure  
there is none like You  
Precious Jesus  
there is none like You

**Verse 2**

Living Water Word of Life  
You are forever true  
Every blessing joy abounding  
here in knowing You  
So we fix our eyes on

**Bridge**

Grace for the guilty  
help for the needy  
Jesus You satisfy our souls  
Strength for the weary  
hope for the grieving  
Jesus You satisfy our souls

**Bridge**

Healer of sickness  
Fountain of goodness  
Jesus You satisfy our souls  
Faithful Provider  
Gracious Redeemer  
Jesus You satisfy our souls

**Bridge**

Mighty in power  
awesome in splendor  
Jesus You satisfy our souls  
Author perfecter  
Keeper Sustainer  
Jesus you satisfy our souls

**As For Me  
And My House**

Cochren & Co.

**Verse 1**

Oh choose you this day  
whom you will serve  
The kingdom of heaven or  
the powers of earth  
Has He not spoken  
have you not heard  
There is but one true God

**Verse 2**

The God of our fathers set us free  
His Son paid the price  
for our covenant peace  
Through generations  
His mercy speaks  
We trust in one true God

**Chorus**

As for me and my house  
We will serve serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord our God

**Verse 3**

This house is the Lord's  
and all within  
May it be pleasing and holy to Him  
Joined by His Spirit His people sing  
Great is the one true God  
Oh great is the living God

**Bridge**

Oh praise the Father  
praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit now in us  
Let every heart and every tongue  
Praise the one true God

**O Father  
You Are Sovereign  
(Hymn 92)**

Margaret Clarkson

**Verse 1**

O Father You are sovereign  
In all the worlds You made  
Your mighty Word was spoken  
And light and life obeyed  
Your voice commands the seasons  
And bounds the ocean's shore  
Set stars within their courses  
And stills the tempest's roar

**Verse 2**

O Father You are sovereign  
In all affairs of man  
No powers of death or darkness  
Can thwart Your perfect plan  
All chance and change transcending  
Supreme in time and space  
You hold Your trusting children  
Secure in Your embrace

**Verse 3**

O Father You are sovereign  
The Lord of human pain  
Transmuting earthly sorrows  
To gold of heav'nly gain  
All evil overruling  
As none but conq'r'or could  
Your love pursues its purpose  
Our souls' eternal good

**Verse 4**

O Father You are sovereign  
We see You dimly now  
But soon before Your triumph  
Earth's every knee shall bow  
With this glad hope before us  
Our faith springs up anew  
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior  
We trust and worship You

**All Creatures  
Of Our God And King  
(Hymn 70)**

Sovereign Grace

**Verse 1**

All creatures  
of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Thou burning sun  
with golden beam  
Thou silver moon  
with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**Verse 2**

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father  
praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit  
Three-in-One

O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**Verse 3**

All the redeemed  
washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens  
now on Him

O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**Verse 4**

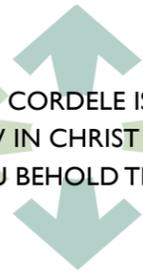
He shall return  
in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Then who shall  
fall on bended knee  
All creatures of  
our God and King  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**THIS WEEK @ FBC CORDELE**

WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
6PM: MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES	9AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM: WORSHIP GATHERING MEMBERS' MEETING

WAYS TO SERVE/WHO TO CONTACT:	
PASTOR VON	• HOSPITALITY
PASTOR JACK	• DISCIPLESHIP • STUDENT MINISTRY
PASTOR DANIEL	• AUDIO/VIDEO • INSTRUMENTALISTS/VOCALISTS
PASTOR CHUCK	• HOSTING A LIFE GROUP
CHRISTY SAYLOR	• AWANA • KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL THAT WE DO AT FBC CORDELE IS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED TO HELP YOU GROW IN CHRIST WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS AND TO HELP YOU BEHOLD THE GLORY OF CHRIST!



<b>Sunday School</b>	We desire to help you grow in knowledge of the Word of God by applying it to daily life. <b>Quad: Evangelism</b> <b>Classroom A: Systematic Theology</b> <b>Classroom B: Membership Matters</b>
<b>Worship Gathering</b>	We desire to fellowship, learn through corporate singing, learn through exposition of the Word (conviction, edification, beholding Christ's glory, call to respond), encourage, and console.
<b>Life Groups</b>	Community, fellowship, life-on-life, accountability, service opportunities. <i>On Sunday evenings at 5pm, Life Groups meet in various locations. For more details and meeting locations contact Pastor Chuck Hollingsworth. Come get plugged in!</i>
<b>Midweek Bible Study</b>	Discussion around the Word, learn to read the Bible, consider context of Biblical texts, application to daily life: <i>Adult Bible Study, FBC Students, FBC Kids (AWANA)</i>
<b>FBC Students</b>	Beginning March 29th, students will begin a new Sunday School series called <i>A Global Gospel</i> . They will learn what various religions believe, how the Gospel compares, and how we can share the Gospel with people of differing beliefs. <i>Secret Church</i> is April 17th! We will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 1 AM. See Jack for pricing information!
<b>FBC Kids</b>	Each Sunday School class is led by wonderful teachers who love the Lord. Nursery and childcare is available for kids <i>birth-Pre-K</i> during the 10am Worship Gathering.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Acts 7:1-53  
Talk about it...

What is your biggest takeaway from Acts 7:1-53?

In response to the question in verse 1, Stephen begins his speech with more of a history lesson than a direct defense of recent events. Why do you think he responded in this manner rather than how we would typically expect one to respond (defensively)? When falsely accused, Stephen didn't act harshly or ungodly. It seems that he put thought into how he would respond. How do you (or how should you) generally respond to accusations? Is your first thought to think through it, humble yourself, and respond in a way that gives glory to the Lord or is there a tendency to act in a defensive way? Explain.

Look at verse 13 again. Why did Stephen mention that Joseph doesn't reveal himself to the brothers on the first visit? What is Stephen implying to his audience here? Just as Joseph made himself known to his brothers, Jesus had made himself known to the audience. Yet, as Stephen will go on to say later in the speech, what was the result of Jesus making himself known?

Starting in verse 20, Stephen talks about Moses for the majority of the chapter. Why do you think he spends so much time speaking about Moses? Looking at verse 35, notice what Stephen says about Moses, "rejected... ruler and redeemer." What was the result of rejecting the one whom God sent (vv. 39-41)? In what ways have WE rejected the One whom God has sent? Though true believers don't ultimately reject Jesus, are there ways in which we continually cast him off, act as if He isn't there, and continue in our sin?

Notice the shift in direction that Stephen makes in verse 51. Does it seem more pointed and direct now? Imagine yourself sitting there listening to Stephen speak. What emotions would his change in tone and direction invoke out of you? After the golden calf incident, Moses calls his people "stiff-necked" and we see Stephen doing the same. What does he mean by stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears? What is he telling them that God actually cares about?

Looking at vv. 51-53, we see why Stephen has included Israel's history. He has tied it all together that just as their forefathers persecuted the prophets whom God sent, the religious leaders in this speech are following the same footsteps. Except this time, who is it that they have rejected and killed? What response do you think Stephen was looking for? What was Stephen's motivation in calling them out for their sin?

If we believe that Jesus is quick and willing to forgive sinners, why are we hesitant to share this good news with our friends, family, and those we love? Be like Stephen; bold in sharing the Righteous One, even when there's persecution awaiting. Pray for an opportunity to share your faith, even by using this story, this week.



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**Lord's Day Gathering**  
March 22, 2026

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Behold  
the  
Glory  
of Christ

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